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**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)	Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)	November 16, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 16th day of November, 2011, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Larry Henry, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner McClure, Commissioner Skillern, and Chairman Henry. Total present - 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice of this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

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Commissioner McClure asked that Attorney Taylor's wife Joyce, who recently experienced some health complications, be remembered in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Pastor Ronnie Phillips Jr., Senior Associate Pastor at Abba's House gave the invocation. Commissioner McClure led in the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner McClure presented Pastor Phillips with a commemorative clock in recognition for his years of service in the community.

3:41

**PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION – HAMILTON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RESERVE OFFICERS**

Chairman Henry presented Certificates of Appreciation to a large group of Hamilton County Sheriff Reserve Officers in attendance. They were recognized for their commitment in assisting the Sheriff's Department as a volunteer force. Chairman Henry expressed his appreciation to the officers and Sheriff Jim Hammond. The Sheriff reported that the Reserve Officers who patrol with regular deputies receive \$1 per year for their service. They are required to obtain a minimum of 20 hours in-service training each month to meet State standards. He noted that 12,653 hours of service had already been donated by the volunteers during 2011. He stated their service resulted in a significantly savings to the County.

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The Sheriff's appreciation for the Reserve Force was affirmed by Chief Deputy Allen Branum, and Sheriff's Support Services Director Gino Bennett. Sheriff Hammond gave special praise to Reserve Officer Coordinator Jim Sheets

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Mayor Coppinger and Commissioners Mackey and McClure also expressed their appreciation to the group and the Sheriff's Department.

The Reserve Officers were personally congratulated and shook hands with the Mayor, and each Commissioner.

23:37

PRESENTATION – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Sheriff Jim Hammond distributed a copy of the first Annual Sheriff's Department Report to members of the Commission and Mayor Coppinger. He stated that his department had begun working towards becoming CALEA accredited (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). One of the 480 standards to become CALEA certified was that an annual report be submitted to the Commission. A copy of the report was not received the Clerk's office

Sheriff Hammond introduced staff members Max Templeton and Paul Hutchins who were involved in this process. He also provided additional details regarding the CALEA accreditation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner McClure, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of October 25, 2011, the Agenda Preparation Session of October 25, 2011, and the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2011, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1111-17 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Clerk Knowles indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Resolution.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 1111-17. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on

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a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was submitted for the record designating Dan Wade to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of November 14, 2011.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County government for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, was submitted as a matter of record of this meeting.

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FEE OFFICIAL REPORTS

Fee reports for the following constitutional officers were submitted as a matter of record of this meeting:

Clerk & Master – July and August 2011
Circuit Court Clerk – July 2011
Criminal Court Clerk – July through September 2011
County Clerk – July through September 2011
Register of Deeds – July through September 2011

Finance Committee Chairman Skillern asked that Resolutions No. 1111-18 through 1111-21 be considered together, unless a Commissioner desired to hear a Resolution separately. There was no objection to combining the Resolutions.

29:08

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR FOR THIRTY-FOUR (34) VEHICLE VIDEO (ARBITRATOR) SYSTEMS AMOUNTING TO \$144,292.26 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-19 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE TURF, INC., TURFGRASS AMERICA, AND JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING DECEMBER 2, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2012, FOR SOD FOR THE RECREATION

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DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF BB&T INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. – HUFFAKER & TRIMBLE FOR ALL-RISK PROPERTY AND BOILER/MACHINERY INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL AT THE COMBINED PROPERTY RATE OF \$.0498 PER \$100 OF INSURED VALUE FOR PROPERTY & BOILER/MACHINERY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL FIRST YEAR PREMIUM OF \$150,780 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$4 MILLION FASTTRACK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO REIMBURSE HAMILTON COUNTY FOR RAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR ITS SHARE OF THE GRANT, AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL CONTRACT-RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Commissioner Skillern stated that the Finance Committee reviewed Resolutions No. 1111-18 through 1111-21 and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Skillern, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolutions No. 1111-18 through 1111-21. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-22 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE MULTI-CULTURAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE SOLICITATION, INCLUSION, AND CONTINUATION PARTICIPATION, AS WELL AS THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, TO MINORITY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY.

Chairman Henry reported that this Resolution had been heard by a Committee of the Whole.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1111-22. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on

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a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1111-23 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT COMMISSION TO SERVE THREE (3) YEAR TERMS ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2014.

Resolution No. 1111-23 confirms the appointments of Chuck Baker and Matthew Vandergriff to the Juvenile Court Commission, to serve three year terms ending November 16, 2014.

ON MOTION of Commissioner McClure, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 1111-23. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner

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Skillern, “Aye”; and Chairman Henry, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Chairman Henry asked that Resolution No. 1111-24 be considered as a late item at this time.

35:22

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-24 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JOINT APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2015.

Resolution No. 1111-24 confirms the joint appointment of Nita Wall Shumaker, M.D. to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees, to serve a four year term ending November 1, 2015.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner McClure, to adopt Resolution No. 1111-24. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”; Commissioner Beck, “Aye”; Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”; Commissioner Fields, “Aye”; Commissioner Graham, “Aye”; Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”; Commissioner McClure, “Aye”; Commissioner Skillern,

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“Aye”; and Chairman Henry, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

36:18 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henry asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Fields wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

36:48 Mayor Coppinger reported that the Violence Task Force met this week. It was decided at that meeting that Boyd Patterson, with the District Attorney’s office, would serve as the interim coordinator for this task force. He noted that it was stated by representatives with the City of Chattanooga that they would fund this coordinator position.

37:23 Mayor Coppinger announced that a group of business people met recently in Chattanooga as part of the 48 Hour Launch Group. He pointed out that Hamilton County had become a world-class technology area after achieving fiber-optic internet speeds as high as 1 gigabit per second through the Electric Power Board (EPB). The purpose of this group was to allow members of the community to utilize this internet speed to see how it would benefit the business community.

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Commissioners Mackey and Beck spoke regarding the Violence Task Force. Each stated that they had not been aware of the appointment of Mr. Patterson, and expressed a desire that they be kept informed on this issue in the future. Both Commissioners expressed a desire that the individual to be appointed full-time be a well-placed member of the community with numerous contacts.

Mayor Coppinger pointed out that the Security and Corrections Chairman McClure had attended the Violence Task Force meeting, as a representative of the Commission. He encouraged all Commissioners to discuss any questions or concerns they had with Commissioner McClure or Mr. Patterson. He also emphasized that Mr. Patterson was serving in an interim capacity and it was the intent of the task force to appoint someone full-time to the coordinator position by the end of the year.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Mackey, Mayor Coppinger responded that the County would not at this time be asked to provide any funding. He noted that in the future there may be the potential for an expense in the District Attorney's office, as it was often common to hire a gang-violence prosecutor.

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Clerk Knowles asked for recognition. He stated without objection he had matters from two Constitutional offices for filing and approval. The first being monthly financial

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reports from Trustee Hullander for August–October 2011 and Excess Fee Monthly Reports for June-October 2011. It was emphasized that the Trustee was remitting excess fees in the amount of \$811.826.81 to general government. Clerk Knowles also reported that his office had been working with Attorney Taylor on revisions to the Deputy County Clerk Handbook. Attorney Taylor acknowledged that he had reviewed and approved the changes.

1:01:01 **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Henry asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Chairman Henry recognized a group of representatives from Occupy Chattanooga. He reminded them that Commission rules allot 10 minutes of speaking to any delegation addressing a specific topic. The Clerk is to keep time.

1:01:19

Three individuals representing the Occupy Chattanooga delegation approached the podium. They were Pamela Graham Phillips, a resident at 4416 Meteor Trail; Cela Rendazo, 500 Royal Crest Drive; and Scott Burnett, 1707 Read Avenue. The written statements for each individual were submitted to the Clerk's office as a matter of record.

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The first two speakers took most of the time, and Mr. Burnett was not left with sufficient time to deliver his two-pages of remarks. He asked for silence during the remaining time allotted.

1:12:48

Paul Smith, Chairman of the Hamilton County Democratic Party, offered to yield his ten minutes to the Occupy Chattanooga group. Chairman Henry responded that the subject had already been discussed.

Mr. Smith then made comments regarding the new State Voter ID law requiring voters to present an approved photo ID at the polls beginning in 2012. He stated that there were approximately 11,000 Hamilton County registered voters who did not have a photo placed on their driver's license.

Upon questioning by Mr. Smith, Clerk Knowles stated that since October 17th, his office had issued approximately 130 picture ID upgrades. He noted that he had volunteered to assist the Tennessee Department of Safety in upgrading non-photo driver's licenses for citizens not having other approved photo ID documents.

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Commissioner Mackey expressed that this low percentage of participation was troubling.

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Commissioner Beck questioned whether the Commission desired to bring this matter before the State Delegation for consideration to rescind the State Voter ID law.

Commissioner Mackey added that perhaps the Commission might consider a Resolution to petition the State Delegation to support rescinding the State law.

There being no further business, Chairman Henry declared the meeting in recess until Tuesday November 22, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

Date



Clerk's Initials